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SUBJECT: RESEARCH PROJECT ON FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF
ADVANCED INDUSTRIAL SOCIETIES IN HARMONY
WITH THAT OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (JAPANESE
PROPOSAL)

REFS: A. STATE 262517, B. STATE 288564,
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1. SUMMARY: COUNCIL ADOPTED DRAFT DECISION ESTABLISHING
SUBJECT PROJECT ON DEC. 22. PROGRAM OF WORK AND BUDGET
FOR 1976 WAS APPROVED IN CONTEXT OF DECISION ON OVERALL
BUDGET (SEE SEPTEL). ONLY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN COUNCIL
DECISION AS IT EMERGED FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE AND
COUNCIL DISCUSSIONS WAS ELIMINATION OF SPECIFIC LIMITA-
TION ON SIZE OF ADVISORY PANEL. END SUMMARY.

2. MAJOR SURPRISES OF COUNCIL DISCUSSION WERE INDICA-
TIONS BY GERMANY AND BELGIUM THAT THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE
IN PROJECT FROM THE OUTSET. LIST OF INITIAL PARTICIPANTS
WILL THEREFORE INCLUDE: US, JAPAN, FRANCE, FRG, LK,
ITALY, BELGIUM, SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK, FINLAND, CANADA
AND NETHERLANDS. SWITZERLAND AND AUSTRALIA ALSO
EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN THE PROJECT BUT COULD
ANNOUNCE NO FIRM DECISION AT THIS TIME. SECRETARIAT IS
NOW PREPARING SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1976 BASED ON
THE ABOVE LIST OF CONFIRMED PARTICIPANTS. (IN ACCORD-
ANCE WITH REF A, USREP INDICATED OUR WILLINGNESS TO
CONTRIBUTE UP TO 25 PERCENT OF A TOTAL ASSESSED BUDGET
OF \$4 MILLION OVER THE THREE YEAR LIFE OF THE PROJECT.)

3. MAJOR SUBSTANTIVE POINT OF CONTROVERSY IN EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL DISCUSSION WAS NATURE AND ORGANIZA-
TION OF ADVISORY PANEL. ISSUE REVOLVED AROUND WHETHER
PANEL WOULD ALWAYS MEET AS A GROUP (TO WHICH THE ITALIANS
AND SOME OTHERS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE) OR WHETHER
RESEARCH TEAM WOULD HAVE FLEXIBILITY TO CALL UPON INDIVI-
DUAL MEMBERS FOR ADVICE AS APPROPRIATE. WHILE THIS ISSUE
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WAS LEFT VAGUE IN DECISION ITSELF, COUNCIL NOTED FOLLOW-
ING AGREED STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD BY EXECUTIVE COMMIT-
TEE CHAIRMAN GALLAGHER: "IT WILL BE OPEN TO THE DIRECTOR
OF RESEARCH TO CONSULT INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY
PANEL WHENEVER HE CONSIDERS IT APPROPRIATE." FINAL
DECISION CONTAINS NO SPECIFIC LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF
ADVISORY PANEL MEMBERS.

4. TEXT OF COUNCIL DECISION POUCHED TO ELR/RPE.

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